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In re Application:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

M/S Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response expires on June 12, 2006. The Response is submitted prior to shortened statutory period for reply, therefore no extension fee is required to enter this Response.

Prior to reconsidering this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

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Applicant **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.